

Morphicon Miscellanea: Final Edition!

# Morphicon 2015: Game Over High Score!!

Dear faithful Morphicon attendees,

The first weekend of May has come and gone and with it the thirteenth annual Morphicon convention. And what a convention it was! A record 342 people came to the Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington, 74 suiters marched in the parade, and we raised \$1528.72 for the Happy Hearts Feline Rescue. The cats will certainly be grateful to everyone who donated.

It was a busy year this year, with the Ursa Major awards on top of our customary full roster of panels, dances, the masquerade, the Spectacle of Doom and all the con-wide events. Our attendees all had a chance to show their creative skill in the Pervasive Perler event and the cake decorating contest was as lively as ever! We couldn't put on a convention of this quality without the assistance of many of you. We'd like to thank our hypertrophes for the support they lend to the convention that lets us get all the supplies we need as well as our gophers whose hard work keep the con running throughout the weekend. Special appreciation is due to our stellar Guests of Honor, Skulldog and Koh. These two provided some of the most unique con swag yet, each led a small array of panels, and helped out on the side by judging for the Iron Artist contest.

It was an incredible year for the con. It was thus with great excitement that we were able to announce some major upcoming changes at the closing ceremonies. You have doubtless heard by now that this was the last edition of under the Morphicon name. But never fear! We will be back next year and better than ever with the new name AnthrOhio.

This convention has a long and rich history and one of the most devoted groups of attendees and staff a convention could want. The convention has also changed and grown in dramatic ways over the years. The staff, the board, and the set-up of the convention is very different from when we first started. To acknowledge these changes, we thought it was time for a name change as well. As AnthrOhio, we will continue our beloved Morphicon traditions and make space for new ones to begin. Plus, people looking for us won't have to wonder if we're the Power Rangers convention anymore.

The change in name has been accompanied by a few other changes as well. We are happy to welcome Edward T. Hyena as our new Convention Chairman. Ed has been serving Morphicon since 2010, starting as a gopher and eventually taking the position of Director of Operations. Ed has a few other convention credits to his name across the country, including Director of Operations at each FCN and MCFC event so far. Ed's years of experience staffing cons and familiarity with our own convention will be greatly appreciated. Snap, who has chaired the convention the past three years, won't be leaving us any time soon, though! He will be staying on

as the liaison to the hotel. We are grateful for the labors he took on as our chair and the opportunities his work has afforded us to make these shifts.

Naturally, all of this means some logistical changes will be happening and we don't want anybody to be left out of the loop. Already you can visit AnthrOhio.org, which should take you to a familiar looking page! As changes are announced, you can look there for all the relevant information as well as on the AnthrOhio Facebook page and Twitter @AnthrOhio. While the AnthrOhio.org emails are being set up, you will still be able to contact all the departments for the convention through their Morphicon addresses (e.g. publicity@morphicon.org). These addresses will remain active through the next year to make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible. To make sure our community can still keep in touch with one another, we've also started a Google Group, AnthrOhio, for everyone to join. Official messages from AnthrOhio will be posted to both groups for the interim while everyone makes the switch over. You can join the group by going to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/AnthrOhio>.

We are always happy to field questions throughout this move and beyond. We're very excited for the possibilities and have plenty of other things in the works! Join us next year for

### *AnthrOhio 2016: Furry Renaissance*

==\_\_A MESSAGE FROM THE CON CHAIR\_\_==

To all Morphicon attendees and prospective AnthrOhio attendees,

It is an honor to be chosen as the convention chair for the first event we will be running under the AnthrOhio name. Since my first time volunteering here in 2010 I've watched Morphicon get better and better every year. I've learned a lot about conventions with over ten years working at both gaming and furry conventions and hope to use that knowledge to help make the first AnthrOhio convention the best it could possibly be. I already have an experienced staff to help me out, and work is already beginning to plan the next year. If you have any questions for me, feel free to drop me a line at [chair@AnthrOhio.org](mailto:chair@AnthrOhio.org)

-Edward Hyena  
AnthrOhio Convention Chairman

==\_\_T-SHIRT ORDERS\_\_==

From CJ, Chief of Staff,

Although we upped the numbers for all sizes for the Morphicon 2015 T-Shirt over our 2014 numbers, we still sold out very quickly. We ran out of a couple of sizes through the day Friday, and by the end of the convention all we had left was a single 3x and three 5x.

I apologize for the inaccurate guesstimate I made for the Morphicon 2015 T-Shirt order. Since

the shirt was so popular, and going forward our shirts will be for AnthrOhio, I wanted to offer everyone a chance to place an order for the Morphicon 2015 shirt. I need to get all orders in by the end of Sunday, May 17th so I can place the bulk order. Please spread the word to anyone you know who was unable to get the shirt they wanted during Morphicon 2015.

To place an order, please send \$15/shirt (shipping included/on me) via PayPal to:  
Treasurer@AnthrOhio.org

The Morphicon emails are still functioning, so payments already sent to Treasurer@Morphicon.org are still valid. Be sure to include the shirt size(s) you want and make sure PayPal sends us your current mailing address. I will personally take care of mailing out the shirts. E-mail me at Chief@AnthrOhio.org if you have any questions.

==\_\_URSA MAJOR AWARD WINNERS\_\_==

In all the excitement, we can't forget that this year Morphicon hosted the Annual Anthropomorphic Literature and Arts Award, the Ursa Majors. The thousands of votes had all been counted and the winners were announced Friday at the convention. So without further ado, scalies and gentlefurs, here are your winners:

<b>Best Motion Picture</b>	<i>Guardians of the Galaxy</i>
<b>Best Dramatic Series or Short Work</b>	<i>Furry Force</i>
<b>Best Novel</b>	<i>Off the Beaten Path</i> , by Rukis
<b>Best Short Fiction</b>	<i>When a Cat Loves a Dog</i> , by Mary E. Lowd
<b>Best Other Literary Work</b>	<i>Blacksad: Amarillo</i> , by Juan Díaz Canales and Juanjo Guarnido
<b>Best Graphic Story</b>	<i>My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic</i>
<b>Best Comic Strip</b>	<i>Housepets!</i> by Rick Griffin
<b>Best Magazine</b>	<i>In-Fur-Nation</i> , edited by Rod O'Riley
<b>Best Published Illustration</b>	<i>SabertoothedErmine</i> , MFF 2014 Con Book
<b>Best Game</b>	<i>Pokemon Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire</i>
<b>Best Website</b>	<i>FurAffinity</i>

Congratulations to all the winners! For full listings of nominees and voting statistics, visit [http://www.ursamajorawards.org/UMA\\_2014.htm](http://www.ursamajorawards.org/UMA_2014.htm)

And don't forget!

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